

# Region V Women's News



MAY 2010

## TOWN OF VIENNA HONORS PENNYWISE VOLUNTEERS

For almost 50 years, the women of Church of the Holy Comforter have managed the Pennywise Thrift Shop, a non-profit resale venture located at the corner of Church and Mill Streets in Vienna. Pennywise offers its customers great bargains on quality merchandise, and the profits it makes are used to benefit a host of worthy causes. From its inception, the Shop has been staffed totally by volunteers, including men, women and teens. A wide range of volunteer jobs is required to ensure the Shop runs smoothly.

One group of dedicated volunteers operates "behind the scenes", but has been the backbone of the organization for years. These women work in the Back Room - sorting, pricing, and displaying all donated and consignment items. This is a hard, sometimes unpleasant job, but a core of women have been doing it for 20 years or more. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, ten of these wonderful women were honored by the Town of Vienna for their outstanding, longtime volunteer service to the community. At a special ceremony attended by family, friends and Holy Comforter clergy, each received a commendation from Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman. They were also presented with wrist corsages from Holy Comforter to celebrate the event and recognize their valuable contributions.



PENNYWISE VOLUNTEERS WITH THEIR AWARDS

## ST. JOHN'S SPRING GARDEN FAIR ON SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>



After this past winter, we're all looking forward to enjoying the blessings of summer, including all those flowers, fruits and veggies. If you have a planter, a patio, or a garden that "needs something", please consider a stop at the Spring Garden Fair being sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church of McLean. It's being held **Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 12:30 in the church's Shears Hall.** The sale will include annuals, perennials and herbs for summer planting, and they'll also offer flowering plants and gifts - - just in time for Mother's Day! All proceeds are to benefit community outreach through the Missions Committee.

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### SPRING TEA AT HOLY COMFORTER

On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Church of the Holy Comforter will hold its annual Spring Tea for "ladies" of all ages. The theme for this year's event is "Butterflies 'n Blooms", and attendees will enjoy a lovely garden setting for the festivities. In addition to traditional tea refreshments, the afternoon will feature entertainment by a musical group and the ever-popular fashion show. Women and girls of the parish will model a variety of stylish seasonal ensembles - - all gleaned from the racks of Pennywise Thrift Shop, Holy Comforter's longtime ministry. To learn more about the Tea or Pennywise, please contact Linda Khan, ECW President, at [khanned@cox.net](mailto:khanned@cox.net).



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## RESOURCE CORNER

### NEED UTO IDEAS AND TIPS? HELPFUL WORKSHOP PLANNED

Are you seeking more information about the United Thank Offering and how to bring this important program to life in your parish? Or, are you curious to know about how other churches implement their UTO Campaigns? If so, Jeanelle Moritz, Diocesan UTO Coordinator, is holding a workshop that should be of great interest to you. It will be held on **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Spring Open Board Meeting** (see below). She intends to update attendees on the latest initiatives of the United Thank Offering and to provide an opportunity for sharing of ideas and activities. You can contact Jeanelle at [jlmoritz@hotmail.com](mailto:jlmoritz@hotmail.com) or by phone at 804/515-7303.



### OPEN BOARD MTG. MAY 20

Region V Women are cordially invited to attend the Diocesan ECW **Open Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Christ Church in Glen Allen, VA. The meeting will update attendees on Diocesan ECW activities and offer several helpful workshops, including "Loving, Mothering, Working: Finding Balance in Our Lives" and "Healing Laughter". Please contact Joni Langevoort, V.P. for Programs, at [jlangevoort@cox.net](mailto:jlangevoort@cox.net) if you wish to attend or have questions.

**RIDE WANTED** – to May 20<sup>th</sup> Open Board Meeting. Could leave from St. Francis, St. Thomas or nearby. If you have room for a rider, please contact Elsa at [DWillis128@aol.com](mailto:DWillis128@aol.com).



### DIOCESAN ECW OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The cost of higher education these days can be almost overwhelming! Many capable scholars are having to defer or change their educational plans because it's just too expensive. But, there may be help available! For a number of years, the Diocesan ECW has been committed to supporting deserving students in achieving their goals. Funded by contributions to the Gift of Life Book and the Book of Remembrance, the scholarship grants generally average between \$500 and \$1,500 per student per year. They may be awarded to any student who:

- Is/will be attending an accredited university, college or seminary
- Is a communicant in the Diocese of Virginia
- Submits a completed application form, grade transcripts, and letters of recommendation by the application deadline (June 30, 2010).

Applicants are evaluated on a number of factors, including financial need, statement of goals, prior activities and letters of support, and plans for continuing their commitment to the Church. Information and the application form are available on the Diocesan website: [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net). From there, select: Diocesan Organizations, Related Organizations, Episcopal Church Women, Ministries, Gifts and Scholarships, and Application. To learn more, please contact Cora Burke, Gifts and Scholarships Chair, at [burkecjs@cs.com](mailto:burkecjs@cs.com) or by phone at 804/649-1215.